

## \$150,000 IN U. S. ART LOST IN A FAKE SHOW

Promoters in Philadelphia  
Invited Painters to Sub-  
mit Works.

### SHERIFF'S SALE THEN

Only One Picture, Valued at  
\$1,000, Is Recovered, Hav-  
ing Been Sold.

### ELIOT CLARK A SUFFERER

George Bellows Sent Six Land-  
scapes, Valued in All  
at \$4,000.

A fraudulent scheme by which  
paintings valued at \$150,000, repre-  
senting the work of many leading  
American artists, were placed on view  
at an art gallery in Philadelphia and  
subsequently disappeared when the  
concern operating the art gallery sud-  
denly was sold by the sheriff, was  
made known yesterday by the League  
of New York Artists, Inc., of 15 Gram-  
ercy Park.

What has become of the paintings is  
a mystery. All the artists who were  
invited to send examples of their work  
to the exhibition were prominent, and  
the loss of their work is a distinct  
blow to American art. For this reason  
and in the hope of leading the way to  
the discovery of some of the paintings,  
as well as warning artists to guard  
against possible repetition of such an  
alleged fraud, the league decided to  
make the information public.

At present, in view of the investiga-  
tion to be made, neither the name of  
the concern nor that of its manager,  
who is held responsible, can be men-  
tioned. It may be said, however, that  
he has been traced to Europe, and has  
been seen recently in Paris. None of  
the paintings, so far as is known, has  
reappeared in Europe.

Among those who lost most heavily  
were George Bellows and Eliot Clark,  
among the foremost American artists.  
Mr. Bellows sent two pictures, which he  
valued at \$1,000 each, "The Lighthouse  
Hill" and "Blue Sea and Shore." Mr.  
Clark, a director of the League of New  
York Artists, sent six landscapes, four  
of which he valued at \$500 each, and  
two at \$1,000 each. One of the latter  
was entitled "Sunset."

Word of the loss of the paintings and  
the vanishing of the art gallery con-  
cern was brought to Mr. Clark, he said  
last night, by a friend who was pass-  
ing Chestnut street, Philadelphia, in  
the spring of 1918, and knowing of the  
exhibition, sought to find some of Mr.  
Clark's paintings. He discovered that  
the gallery had been visited recently  
by the Sheriff and it was closed.  
Through a Philadelphia attorney, Mr.  
Clark said, he was able to recover one  
painting, which had been sold to a  
Philadelphia. The others, apparently  
were not put on sale.

Julian Bovee, manager of the league,  
charged last night that the exhibition  
was planned to defraud the artists, and  
that the paintings were stolen at the  
time of the sheriff's sale, which was  
alleged to have been deliberately in-  
duced. The fraudulent art gallery con-  
cern, he said, had advertised itself as  
a successor to a formerly well known  
art firm in Philadelphia, and the artists  
who received invitations to have their  
work put on exhibition naturally had  
no suspicions regarding the offer.

### HOMEMADE GRENADES CAUSE BOYS' ARREST

Brooklyn Italians Scared by  
Explosions in Lot.

Two boys, who caused alarm in the  
neighborhood of Twelfth avenue and  
Fifty-seventh street, Brooklyn, by ex-  
ploding homemade hand grenades, were  
arrested yesterday on a disorderly con-  
duct charge. They are Michael and  
Frank Carrano, both 16, of 1139 Fifty-  
ninth street.

The bombs were constructed of four  
ounces of powder each, had caps and  
were bound with twine. The boys ex-  
ploded them by hurling them against tin  
cans in a vacant lot. The loud detona-  
tions caused much excitement among the  
Italian residents of the district. The  
boys told the police they had bought the  
powder from a man in Bay Ridge.  
Policeman Uphan of the Fourth avenue  
station said he found a bag of sixty-  
eight grenades in a hallway of the boys'  
home.

### FALL FROM A WINDOW KILLS RETIRED LAWYER

Benjamin Phillips Dead After  
Twelve Story Drop.

Benjamin Phillips, age 50, a retired  
lawyer, was killed yesterday afternoon  
by a fall from the window of his apart-  
ment on the twelfth floor of 1 West  
Sixty-fourth street. Police reported that  
he either had accidentally fallen or had  
jumped from a bathroom window. It  
was said he suffered from a nervous  
alliment.

The sound of the body striking the  
pavement of a courtyard at 59 Central  
Park West attracted a crowd and Pa-  
trolman Grieb of the West Sixty-eighth  
street station summoned an ambulance  
from Flower Hospital. A nurse and  
maid who were in the apartment at the  
time said there appeared to be nothing  
strange in Mr. Phillips's action prior to  
the fall.

### BUGHER SUED FOR \$47,104.

Former Police Commissioner Al-  
leged to Owe Attorney.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Frederick H.  
Bugher, former Police Commissioner of  
New York, was named as defendant in  
a suit filed to-day in the District of Co-  
lumbia Supreme Court by Jesse C. Ad-  
kins, former assistant United States  
Attorney General.

Mr. Adkins through the suit is seeking  
to recover \$47,104, which he alleges to  
be due on an attorney's fee for estab-

## Franklin Simon & Co.

Fifth Avenue, 37th and 38th Streets

Tuesday, January 3rd

### Annual Sale — Women's Fur Trimmed Coats and Wraps

The Greatest Reductions At Which Our Regular High Class  
Coats and Wraps Have Ever Been Offered.

#### Fur Trimmed Coats or Wraps

The soft velvety fabrics of the  
winter in black, navy blue and all  
smart colors. Trimmed with  
Australian opossum, mole or  
nutria fur.

Heretofore \$75.00 to \$89.50 **55.00**

#### High Class Coats or Wrap Coats

Of panvelaine, orlanda, veldette or  
osiris trimmed with all of the fash-  
ionable furs, or smart models with-  
out fur.

Heretofore \$95.00 to \$125.00 **78.00**

#### Fur Trimmed Wraps or Capes

Copies of imported models in ex-  
clusive soft winter fabrics trimmed  
with caracul, beaver, Australian  
opossum, taupe or black wolf,  
gray squirrel or mole fur.

Heretofore \$125.00 to \$165.00 **95.00**

#### Copies of Paris Capes or Wraps

Smart models with Jenny sleeves;  
Kashmir fur cloth, marvella, won-  
dora, panvelaine or duvetyne; with  
all the fashionable furs.

Heretofore \$145.00 to \$245.00 **115.00**

### Model Coats or Wraps For Day or Evening Wear

One of a kind and color in velvets,  
brocades and all the soft wool fab-  
rics, trimmed with luxurious furs.

**145.00**

Regular prices \$195.00 to \$345.00

NO EXCHANGES

NO CREDITS

WOMEN'S WRAP SHOP—Fourth Floor

### Annual January Clearance Sale

#### Women's Suits Tweed Tailored Suits or Three-Piece Costume Suits

**45.00**

Heretofore \$65.00 to \$135.00

Mannish tailored or fur collared tweed suits; also three-  
piece costume suits (consisting of dress with matching coat)  
of duvet de laine, moussyne, or veldyne in all the smart  
colors of the season, many fur trimmed.

NO EXCHANGES

NO CREDITS

WOMEN'S SUIT SHOP—First Floor

### Annual January Clearance Sale

#### Women's and Misses' Black Gowns Majority Suitable for Mourning

##### Silk or Wool Gowns

Of silk crêpe meteor, Chinois crêpe, crêpe  
de chine, or crêpe Georgette; also wool  
Poiret twill or tricotine.

**25.00**

Heretofore \$39.50 to \$89.50

NO EXCHANGES

SHOP OF BLACK AND WHITE  
Fifth Floor

NO CREDITS

Women's Sizes up to 44—Misses' Sizes 14 to 20 years

##### Afternoon or Evening Gowns

Afternoon, dinner or evening gowns of  
silk Chinois crêpe, crêpe de chine, chiffon,  
lace or crêpe Georgette.

**48.00**

Heretofore \$69.50 to \$135.00

### Annual January Clearance Sale

#### Women's Silk Negligees

**10.00**

Heretofore \$15.75 to \$29.50

Silk crêpe de chine, lace and two toned chiffon in lovely  
boudoir colorings; also a number of smart boudoir coats.

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NEGLIGEE SHOP—First Floor

## Franklin Simon & Co.

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### Annual Sale of Women's Gowns At Extraordinary Price Reductions

#### Silk or Wool Gowns

Of crêpe de chine or Chinois crêpe;  
also a number of tailored wool  
tricotine gowns.

Heretofore \$39.50 to \$59.50 **25.00**

#### Silk Afternoon Gowns

Of brocaded satin, Chinois crêpe or  
crêpe de chine, some with con-  
trasting combinations.

Heretofore \$49.50 to \$69.50 **38.00**

#### Silk Chiffon Velvet Gowns

Many combined with Chinois crêpe,  
and showing touches of bright  
color.

Heretofore \$69.50 to \$89.50 **45.00**

#### High Class Silk Gowns

Of Chinois crêpe, brocaded velvet  
or satin meteor—some beaded,  
and some embroidered.

Heretofore \$69.50 to \$98.50 **48.00**

### Dinner or Evening Gowns

Sequin, jetted, brocade or chiffon  
gowns; also a number of original  
Paris models.

**50.00**

Heretofore \$98.50 to \$165.00

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## Franklin Simon & Co.

Tuesday, January 3rd

### Annual Sale of Women's and Misses' Corsets At Extraordinary Price Reductions

#### La Supreme Junior Model Corsets

All elastic top Junior model—lightly  
boned; of pink silk broche.  
Sizes 21 to 26.

Heretofore \$8.50 **5.00**

#### Parfait Corsets

Slenderizing models for full figures;  
of English imported Pekin stripes.  
Sizes 25 to 36.

Heretofore \$10.50 **6.50**

#### La Supreme Corsets

Straightline models for medium and  
slender figures; flesh silk broche.  
Sizes 24 to 32.

Heretofore \$18.50 **8.50**

#### La Supreme Corsets

Elastic top waistline models, of pink  
silk broche, long hips, medium or full  
figures. Sizes 24 to 32.

Heretofore \$14.50 **6.50**

### PARFAIT CORSETS

Elastic top models for medium or stout  
figures; of flesh pink silk broche.  
Sizes 24 to 36.

**9.50**

Heretofore \$17.50

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